

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on April 12, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 66, 4/10/2017

Executive Action: Be Concurred In: HB 660, HB 653  
Be Adopted: SR 66

00:00:33 Chair Buttrey

Vice Chair Brown assumed the position of chair.

**HEARING ON SR 66**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:56 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SR 66. Confirm Governor's appointees to business-related boards.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:07:29 Bruce Brensdal, executive director, Board of Housing, Department of Commerce (COM)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:02 Sen. Facey  
00:08:05 Mr. Brensdal, COM  
00:08:35 Chair Brown  
00:09:53 Mr. Brensdal

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:10:11 Sen. Buttrey  
00:10:22 Chair Brown

**Committee Business:**

00:10:34 Sen. Facey  
00:11:35 Chair Buttrey  
00:12:39 Sen. Connell  
00:13:19 Sen. Vance  
00:13:24 Sen. Brown  
00:13:39 Sen. Facey  
00:13:43 Chair Buttrey  
  
00:13:59 Recess  
01:29:00 Reconvene  
  
01:29:10 Chair Buttrey

Sen. Smith did not return to the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 66**

01:30:04     **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SR 66 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

01:30:12     Sen. Brown

01:30:28     **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. F. Smith was excused.

01:31:27     Recess

01:32:01     Reconvene

Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

01:32:05     Chair Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 660**

01:32:24     **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 660 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:32:33     **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown made a substitute motion that **HB 660 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 2-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown and Sen. Vance voting aye.

**Discussion:**

01:33:45     Sen. Facey

01:34:01     Sen. Brown

01:35:03     Chair Buttrey

01:35:44     Sen. Facey

01:36:16     Sen. Smith

01:36:44     Sen. Connell

01:38:06     Sen. Brown

01:39:23     Sen. Vuckovich

01:40:34     Chair Buttrey

01:41:15     **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 653**

01:42:13     **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 653 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:42:47     Sen. Connell

01:42:52     Chair Buttrey

01:42:57     Sen. Connell

01:43:14     Chair Buttrey

01:43:16     Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:43:22 Sen. Connell

01:43:24 Sen. Brown

01:43:41 Chair Buttrey

01:43:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. Facey, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Buttrey will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

01:44:47 Chair Buttrey

01:44:49 Sen. Brown

01:44:54 Chair Buttrey

01:45:28 Sen. Vance

01:45:31 Sen. Connell

01:45:35 Chair Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:47 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT**([bus77aad.pdf](#))